

## WILSON'S REPLY VIEWED AS HINT ACTION IS NEAR

New Note Shows U. S. Gov-  
ernment Is Determined  
to End Blockade.

EXILES ASK PEACE AID  
Remnant of Cientifico Group  
Would Turn to Reform  
Plans Later.

RAY OF HOPE IS GLIMPSED

Food Situation May Be Relieved  
Through Aid of Villa and  
Zapata Leaders.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Vera Cruz, March 14.—President  
Wilson has replied to First Chief Carranza's  
note in a manner which indicates  
that the American government  
is determined to compel the Carranza  
government to raise the blockade of  
Vera Cruz and progress without delay.  
The Wilson note, which admittedly  
foreshadows an aggressive act by the  
United States, follows:

"I thank you for your message of  
the 8th of March for the reassurance  
it conveys, and for your kind per-  
sonal words. I beg that you will un-  
derstand that our messages occa-  
sionally are couched in terms of  
strong emphasis, it is only because  
they contain some matters which  
touch the very safety of Mexico itself  
and the whole possible course of its  
future history.

"We seek always to act as friends  
of the Mexican people, and as their friends  
it is our duty to speak very plainly about  
the grave dangers which threaten them  
from without, whatever happens within  
their borders which is calculated to  
arouse the hostile sentiment of the whole  
world.

"Nothing will stir that sentiment more  
promptly or more hotly or create greater  
danger for Mexico than any (even tem-  
porary) disregard for the safety  
or the rights of the citizens of other  
countries resident within its territory or  
any apparent contempt for the rights and  
safety of those who represent religion.

Explanations Will Not Help.  
"Any attempt to justify or explain  
these things will not eradicate this  
sentiment or lessen the danger that  
will arise from them.

"To warn you concerning such mat-  
ters is an act of friendship, not of  
hostility, and we cannot make the  
meaning too earnest. To speak less  
plainly or with less earnestness would  
be to conceal from you a terrible risk,  
which no lover of Mexico should care  
to run."

The President's reply came by tele-  
graph Friday morning date of March  
14, and was addressed direct to the  
Mexican chieftain, whose note had been  
sent to President Wilson personally  
and not to the Department of State.

The Carranza leaders assert with  
emphasis that they have been vigil-  
ant in protecting the lives of for-  
eigners, particularly representatives of  
churches, priests and nuns, who are  
alleged to have been ill-treated by the  
Carranza forces.

But they do not assume responsibility  
for acts of cruelty to foreigners by  
soldiers wearing the Carranza uniform.  
The American President's declaration of  
the purpose to compel the safety and  
humane treatment of religious subjects  
has aroused a great deal of resentment  
among the Carranza leaders who hith-  
erto have indulged their followers in  
brutalities directed against these persons.  
It is suspected, however, that Carranza  
will exert all his power to prevent re-  
currence of these abuses.

Activity Is Provoked.

Regarding the blockade of Vera Cruz  
and Progress, the reply of President  
Wilson to the Carranza note of March 8  
has provoked unusual activity among the  
aid of Gen. Carranza, though no step has  
as yet been taken to raise the blockade.  
Carranza is fully aware of the impor-  
tance of Progress, and his plans have

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## JOHN D. BEGS TO KEEP WIFE'S BODY

Interment Postponed as Richest Man  
Pleads that Remains Be Left in  
Home Few Days More.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, March 14.—John D. Rock-  
efeller and his son John D. Rockefeller,  
Jr., decided at the last moment today  
they would not commit the body of wife  
and mother to the tomb at present.  
All arrangements had been made for  
temporary interment in the vault of John  
D. Archbold in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.  
A hearse had been engaged to take the  
body there at the conclusion of the  
services, which were held this after-  
noon at 3:30 o'clock. When all was  
ready the father and son tearfully  
pleaded to be allowed to keep the body  
as long as possible.

"We were not here when she passed  
away," said the elder Mr. Rockefeller in  
broken tones. "We want to have her  
with us until the last moment."  
Their wishes were respected, and the  
body will remain in the palatial home  
at Pocantico Hills, probably for several  
days. It was stated tonight at the  
mansion that no arrangements had been  
made for the funeral.

Sixty friends of the family were at  
the services.

Rev. Dr. Cornelius Woolskin, pastor of  
Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, officiated.

## SISTERS, FAR APART, DIE IN SAME HOUR

Both Succumb to Pneumonia. One in  
Clarendon, Va., and the Other  
in Georgia.

Shortly after the death yesterday of  
Mrs. E. E. Aldred, at Clarendon, Va.,  
a telegram from Atlanta, Ga., told of  
the passing away of her sister, Mrs.  
William Green. Both died at the same  
hour and both deaths were caused by  
pneumonia. Mrs. Aldred's body will be  
taken to Atlanta, where a double funeral  
will be held over their bodies.

Mrs. Aldred was 38 years of age. Ten  
years ago she was married in Atlanta  
and five years ago came to Clarendon  
with her husband, who is employed in the  
office of Secretary of the Treasury, Mc-  
Adoo. He is the president of the Alexan-  
dria County Service Association. They  
have no children. Her brother, T. B.  
Hagerman, resides in Clarendon.  
Short services will be held at the Aldred  
residence on Tuesday, following which  
the body will be taken to Atlanta.

## 16 TO 1 AGAINST GERMANS.

Forty-eight English Battalions Op-  
posed Three Teuton.

Berlin, March 14.—An English "eye wit-  
ness" of the British success near Neuve  
Chapelle today sounds a warning to the  
Allies against overrating what are mere-  
ly partial successes. He says:  
"The Germans kept their front along  
the whole extension and the morale of  
the German troops is as strong as ever.  
Germany, as a whole, its army and its  
civilian, confidently expect ultimate vic-  
tory."

It appears from a British army order  
found on an English soldier who was  
taken prisoner by the Germans that dur-  
ing the offensive move of the British in  
Flanders last week, forty-eight battalions  
were opposed by only three German  
battalions.

## ANY COPS HERE? NO—MURDER.

Hotel Robbers Riddle Clerk's Body  
with Bullets and Rob Till.

New York, March 14.—"Any coppers  
here?" Inquired two well-dressed men  
of Charles Miller, former crack wrestler  
and athlete, employed as a clerk in the  
Altan Hotel, in the heart of the tendor-  
lous, today.

"No," said Miller.  
"Then throw up your hands," ordered  
one of the men, drawing a revolver. In-  
stead of obeying Miller rushed at the  
men. They opened fire on him and liter-  
ally riddled his body with bullets. They  
then emptied the cash register and fled.

## DENY SUBMARINE SANK SHIP.

London, March 14.—An Exchange tele-  
gram from Copenhagen says that fishing  
boats have rescued the crew of a Ger-  
man waterplane which was wrecked on  
the west coast of Jutland.

The foreign office at Christiania has re-  
ceived a denial from the German foreign  
office that the steamship Reibitz was  
torpedoed by a German submarine.

## WASHINGTON IN SPIES' DRAGNET, REPORT SHOWS

Embassies Here Said to Be  
Clearing Houses for  
War Secrets.

KEY TO CODE FOUND

Messages Intercepted and  
Translated En Route  
to Capital.

FAST SYSTEM IS EXPOSED

Military Information Gathered from  
Principal Cities of the United  
States.

That embassy circles in Washington  
are clearing houses through which mili-  
tary information, gathered for belligerent  
nations from all the larger cities in the  
United States, is transmitted to the cap-  
itals of the warring countries in Europe,  
was indicated in revelations that yester-  
day reached this city from New York.

The report received here tends to con-  
firm rumors that have been about since  
the beginning of the war, that some of  
the warring nations maintain in the  
United States a secret information sys-  
tem through which representatives of the  
allies, assisted by a well-known detec-  
tive agency, gather military secrets for  
transmission to the headquarters of the  
detective agency in New York City, which  
in turn transmits them to the embassies  
in Washington.

The revelations, made by the New York  
World, include a complete key to the  
code which is being used. Several dis-  
patches have been intercepted and trans-  
lated en route from branch offices  
throughout the country to New York  
City, whence they were to have been re-  
layed to Washington. The most impor-  
tant features of the revelations, says the  
World, are as follows:

That in November last an agree-  
ment was reached between the govern-  
ments of Russia, Great Britain,  
and France on the one hand, and the  
Pinkerton National Detective Agency  
on the other, by which the latter  
concern spread a dragnet over the en-  
tire country for the purpose of obtain-  
ing information of value to its three  
powerful clients.

Kept an Eye on Ships.

"That since the agreement was entered  
into more than 100 agents of the detec-  
tive agency—known as 'informed per-  
sons'—in all of the principal cities and  
seaports have established surveillance  
over movements of vessels and shipments  
of merchandise, particularly of a contra-  
band character, to foreign ports.

That reports made by these operatives  
have been sent to the New York agency  
of the Pinkertons, copies of which have  
been transmitted to the Russian, British,  
and French embassies at Washington.

That the general clearing agent of the  
three governments is T. C. Chamberlin,  
formerly chief of defenses along the North  
Pacific, and later chief of investi-  
gation of the Canadian Pacific Rail-  
road.

That the financial arrangements with  
the Pinkertons have been conducted by  
Joseph Michael, or Joseph Michel, whose  
identity is obscure.

That orders and reports issued by the  
representative of the allied governments  
and made by the detective agency were  
invariably transmitted by telegraph, a  
secret code presented herewith being used  
for the purpose.

That one of the reports sent to the  
detective agency by a Pacific Coast agent  
alleged the existence of an agreement be-  
tween the Japanese and Canadian gov-  
ernments to determine accurately the  
American coast defenses along the North  
Pacific, though there is no official  
knowledge at Washington of such an  
undertaking.

The agreement concerned itself chiefly  
with the movements of ships under  
Italian, Swedish, Norwegian, Holland,  
Danish and Greek flags. Since the agree-  
ment was negotiated vessels have been  
under constant scrutiny, especially tramp  
steamers available for charter for trans-  
port.

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though Beachey and his collapsed mono-  
plane landed in the waters of San Fran-  
cisco Bay. The force of the fall was  
so great that the machine and its daring  
pilot were buried in the mud of the bay  
in forty feet of water.

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States army transport docks in a nar-  
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diately a rescue crew was dispatched  
from the battleship Oregon, which was  
lying in the stream. After two hours  
the machine and body were dug from the  
mud by a diver from the Oregon's crew.  
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wires of the wrecked machine. All of  
the bones in his body were broken.

Ancient Nags "Run Away."

New York, March 14.—Precedent was  
sent flying today when two venerable  
street car horses, awakened to youthful  
vigor by the siren of a passing fire  
engine, broke loose from the copper-  
colored "dinky" to which they were at-  
tached on Avenue C, and ran away. After  
running half a mile their legs gave out  
and they stopped, "all in."

## Magnate, Central Figure in Love Muddle, and Girls Who Claim Him as Father



MARION MAYO VIRGINIA MAYO DOROTHY MAYO  
A new photograph of Virginia Mayo, of New Haven, Conn., is shown herewith, with pictures of two daughters of Mrs. Florence Weeks Mayo of Scranton, Pa., who claims she is the second wife of the New Haven man and that he deserted her more than a decade ago. The girls are Marion, aged 19, at the left, and Dorothy, 21. The Scranton Mrs. Mayo asserts she was married in Binghamton in 1890. She said when she married Mayo he had another daughter whom he told her was a child by his first wife, who was dead.

## BEACHEY MEETS DEATH HE DARED

World-famed Aviator Falls  
2,500 Feet as Thousands  
at Exposition Shudder.

BURIED AT BAY'S BOTTOM

Plunges Into San Francisco Bay and  
Sticks with Machine in Mud  
Forty Feet Below.

Special to The Washington Herald.

San Francisco, March 14.—Death came  
to Lincoln Beachey, world-famed avi-  
ator, this afternoon when he dropped 2,500  
feet before thousands of spectators at  
the Panama-Pacific International Expon-  
sition.

The accident which ended the life of  
the man who had defied death so long  
came when the wings of his new mono-  
plane collapsed while he was attempting  
to right the machine after a perpendicular  
drop through space of several hun-  
dred feet.

The stress on the new monoplane was  
too great and one of the wings was seen  
to fly like that of a wounded bird.  
In a flash the second wing gave way  
and the shining engine and propeller  
blades gleamed in the sunshine as the  
crippled machine fell.

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## SHERLOCK HOLMES, AS 'DOPE FIEND,' REBUKED

Dr. C. Everett Granger Commends  
Newspaper's Fight Against  
Drug Evil.

"The work of one of our local news-  
papers in fighting the drug evil is ex-  
tremely commendable," said Rev. Dr. C.  
Everett Granger, pastor of Gunton-Ten-  
niss Memorial Church, in a sermon last  
night, in which he denounced the illicit  
drug traffic.

"The only way to fight this insidious  
and vicious evil," said Rev. Granger, "is  
by agitation, through pulp and press.  
The drug evil is the worst of habits.

"The use of opium, cocaine and mor-  
phine is extremely prevalent. I know  
of a factory in New England where 50 per  
cent of the girls are said to use cocaine.  
This most vicious of habits may be con-  
tracted in a number of ways.

"The drug habit exceeds all other  
habits. The church has done much to  
fight liquor, the social evil and gambling,  
and it must fight the drug evil. The diffi-  
culty lies in the secrecy of the drug  
trade.

"Frequently the drug habit is formed  
innocently, through the use of patent  
medicines, 99 per cent of which have as  
their base opium, morphine or alcohol.  
Patent medicines may cause the habit,  
or it may be formed by dentist's treat-  
ment."

Rev. Dr. Granger denounced Conan  
Doyle's Sherlock Holmes books because  
they had for their hero a morphine  
fiend.

'WE MUST REACH PARIS,'  
KAISER TELLS SOLDIERS

"If It Costs the Last Man and  
the Last Cartridge."

He Adds.

Paris, March 14.—The Petit Parisien  
gives details received from refugees of  
the Kaiser's visit five weeks ago to La  
Fere Junction south of St. Quentin.  
Escorted by fifty White Culmstrassers of  
gigantic stature, who never left him, he  
stayed three days, but the inhabitants  
did not know where he slept.

Despite his efforts to appear cheerful,  
they noticed that he had aged and was  
dispirited, while his parting speech to  
the garrison, "If it costs the last man  
and cartridge, we will reach Paris, we  
must take Paris," roused little enthu-  
siasm.

Another Dirigible Brought Down.

London, March 14.—A Central News  
dispatch from Havre says it is reported  
that a German dirigible of the Paravel  
type was brought to earth yesterday in  
the environs of Lille, east of Brus-  
sels.

## IS THAW SANE? JURY WILL SAY

Evelyn Nesbit to Be Witness  
for State at Trial Next  
Month.

NEW PLAN IS OUTLINED

Prosecutor Cook Expects Prisoner's  
Lawyers Will Demand Sanity  
Hearing.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, March 14.—Whether Harry  
K. Thaw is sane or insane will be de-  
cided by a jury next month, according  
to Frank K. Cook, deputy attorney gen-  
eral, and Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will be  
called as a witness for the State.

According to Mr. Cook, who spoke as  
though it were thoroughly understood  
that Thaw's lawyers would abandon  
their attempt to have their client re-  
turned to New Hampshire, all the evi-  
dence on the sanity question ruled out  
by Justice Page during the conspiracy  
trial will be presented, and Thaw's en-  
tire life will be reviewed by alienists and  
laymen for the State.

Mr. Cook declared that he looks for  
Justice Page to deny the motion to give  
Thaw "a reasonable time" to get back  
into New Hampshire and that rather  
waste time fighting for this privilege,  
Thaw will at once demand a jury trial  
on the question of his sanity.

Thaw to Decide.

Mr. Cook declared that Justice Page  
would sign the habeas corpus writ and  
the writ would be made returnable be-  
fore Justice Gavigan. He said he would  
oppose neither the application for a jury  
trial nor place any obstacles in the way  
of any move on the part of Thaw except  
to get out of the jurisdiction of New  
York until the bowling commitment had  
been set aside.

Thaw, deciding from the outspoken  
members of the conspiracy jury who de-  
clared that they considered him sane,  
has virtually demanded of his numerous  
counsel that they obtain for him a jury  
trial. John B. Stanchfield, Thaw's chief  
of counsel, declares Thaw is now director  
of his own case and that he, Stanchfield,  
will fight for the return to New Hamp-  
shire or the jury trial here in New York.  
—Just as Thaw elects.

"The State will call Evelyn Nesbit  
Thaw and she will be asked to tell what  
she knows about Thaw's mental state,"  
declared Mr. Cook. Dr. Raymond Kleb,  
superintendent of Matteawan, will testi-  
fy that Thaw is a hopeless paranoiac.  
We shall call attendants from Matteawan  
and a score of laymen who will prove  
that the man is a menace to the public  
and should not be liberated."

## Russians, Fearing Warsaw's Capture, Remove Supplies

Food, Ammunition and Wounded Being Taken  
to Vilna, Berlin Hears; Allied Fleet Driven  
Back by Shells from Fort Dardanos.

## GERMAN DEFEAT STIRS KAISER

Emperor Calls Hasty Midnight Conference on Western  
Battle Front Following Loss of Neuve Chapelle.  
Teuton Losses Set at 10,000; Latest Reports  
Indicate Growing English Successes.

London, March 14.—A dispatch from Bordeaux says:  
"The steamship Auguste Conseil, from Cardiff for Rouen, with a cargo of  
coal, was torpedoed by the submarine U-9 off Start Point, near the southern  
extremity of Devon on Thursday afternoon.  
The crew of twenty-eight men was picked up and landed at Falmouth to-  
day by the Danish steamer Excellence Pieske."

(By Wireless to The Herald.)  
Berlin, March 14.—Notwithstanding the declaration of Grand Duke  
Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, that he would hold Warsaw until  
the last breath, the Russian hospitals and supply departments already have  
been transferred to Vilna.

Work has been stopped in many factories.  
Constantinople reports that on the Caucasian front the Russians attacked  
the Turks stationed at Artvin. The attack was repulsed.

On March 7 the Turks repulsed a Russian attack against Balish Hill,  
near Artvin, and occupied the Russian position.

CRUISER STRUCK BY SHELL.

Wednesday night the allied fleet commenced a bombardment on Fort  
Dardanos, directing its fire through the aid of searchlights. The Turkish  
Howitzer batteries replied. The engagement lasted an hour. Then there  
followed a two hours' lull, after which the bombardment was recommenced.  
An English cruiser was struck by a shell from the Turkish guns, and  
forced to withdraw. After three mine sweepers had been sunk, the balance  
of the allied squadron withdrew without having achieved its purpose. No  
losses were sustained by the Turks.

It is reported semi-officially from Smyrna, according to advices from  
Constantinople, that the allied war vessels on March 10 bombarded Furla. A  
mine sweeper struck a mine and was sunk.

One of the allied armies flew over Furla. The Vah of Smyrna has issued  
a proclamation stating that the garrison will defend the town to the last.

## KAISER AT MIDNIGHT CONFERENCE.

Athens, March 14.—British airmen  
have ascertained that the British  
Dreadnought Queen Elizabeth, firing  
across the peninsula from the Gulf of  
Saron, has destroyed the Turkish bar-  
racks at Gallipoli and silenced two  
of the batteries in the interior straits.

Rotterdam, March 14.—Information re-  
ceived here from the frontier indicates  
that the British success at La Bassée  
has thrown the whole German-right wing  
into a remarkable state of activity. Men  
are being hurried from all the garrisons  
in the rear of the line and some from the  
coast towns to stop the advance of the  
English.

For several days they have been col-  
lecting along the Yser, expecting the  
British to attempt to throw them back  
there, but hoping that quick concentra-  
tion would give them the advantage of  
the initiative.

Their counterplan was a move to the  
northwest, in the neighborhood of Dix-  
mude in the hope of cutting off the allies  
along the coast at Neuport and, at the  
same time, trying to push a wedge  
through in the neighborhood of Ypres.  
Such importance was attached to this  
fresh dash for Calais—nothing short of  
which satisfy the people's craving for  
victory—that the Kaiser himself went  
west in hope of giving a greater stir  
to the attack of legions. But the tre-  
mendous attack of the British to the  
south of this region forestalled them,  
once more robbed them of the initiative  
and threw out of gear all their plans.

So serious was their position regarded  
that one story from the frontier credits  
the German general staff with holding  
a hasty midnight council in a small vil-  
lage immediately in the rear of their  
lines at which the Kaiser himself was  
present.

Fled Before Shells.  
Boulogne, March 14.—The British suc-  
cess at Neuve Chapelle and Aubers, near  
La Bassée, began with a violent canon-  
ade along the whole front from Ypres as  
far as La Bassée, followed by a long and  
fierce bombardment of the German posi-  
tions by the heavy artillery.

So effective was the firing in the dis-  
trict of Lille that the governor  
general and his staff fled from the  
town, and the German army  
selves to a  
fled, not  
facts.

Great damage has been done by the  
British heavy guns on the German posi-  
tion. The German losses are enormous,  
while those of the Anglo-Canadian troops  
are very small in comparison.  
London, March 14.—Towards of 10,000  
men in three days of the most terrific  
fighting since the battle of the Marne—  
this is the cost to the Germans of the  
British drive at Neuve Chapelle—ac-  
cording to official British war office esti-  
mates.  
Paris tonight says the British achieve-

HE DIDN'T SERVE IT.  
New York, March 14.—Perserverance  
is a grand little quality until you mix it up  
with dumbwaiters, according to Jacques  
Kopfskein, a process-server, who has  
just filed a lengthy affidavit in the Fed-  
eral court relating the woes of his job.  
Failing to serve John Lang in the reg-  
ular way, Kopfskein climbed aboard the  
dumbwaiter leading to Lang's apartment  
and persuaded him to pull it up under  
the impression that it contained a pack-  
age.  
Lang pulled Kopfskein up to his flat,  
took a long look at him, and then let him  
drop five stories to the bottom. Kopfs-  
kein had to go to the hospital.



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